

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ADP-00 AGR-20 CIAE-00 COME-00 INR-10

LAB-06 NSAE-00 RSC-01 STR-08 TRSE-00 CIEP-02 OMB-01

NSC-10 L-03 RSR-01 /090 W  
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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2187

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 3375

SAN SALVADOR FOR AGATT

REF: STATE 153151

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, NU

SUBJECT: COTTON EXPORT CONTRACTS

IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS AUGUST 8,  
GENERAL SOMOZA MENTIONED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE QUOTE  
UNDERSTOOD UNQUOTE THAT GUATEMALA, BRAZIL AND

SEVERAL OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERING  
THE POSSIBILITY OF LEGISLATION PROHIBITING COTTON EXPORTS  
AT LESS THAN \$60 PER CWT. THE GENERAL SAID HE HAS BEEN  
REQUESTED, PRESUMABLY BY LOCAL GROWERS, TO TAKE SIMILAR  
ACTION HERE, BUT HAS REFUSED. HE REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT  
A PEGGED PRICE WOULD DESTROY THE LOCAL FUTURES MARKET FOR  
THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

2. COMMENT: SOMOZA DID NOT INDICATE THE SOURCE OF HIS  
INFORMATION, BUT HE MOST LIKELY GOT IT FROM PERSONS WHO  
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ARE URGING HIM TO ADOPT SIMILAR MEASURES. WE. OF COURSE,

ARE IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE THE ACCUARACY OF THESE REPORTS.  
SHELTON

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